(2) DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

(1) Rs. 3,53,875 under "21—Education—Contribution to Dearness Allowance—Primary School"

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 3,53,875 under "21—Education—Contribution to Dearness Allowance—Primary School". The reason why this supplementary grant has to be applied for now is well known to the Hon'ble Members of this House. Sir, there has been a persistent demand on the floor of this House that the amount of dearness allowance paid to Private School teachers must be enhanced. At present every public servant in Cochin State gets a minimum dearness allowance of Rs. 20; per month. The Government expect that teachers of aided schools also must be paid dearness allowance at this scale. Towards the payment of dearness allowance at Rs. 20 per month by the managers of those School Government have been paying a grant of Rs. 10 per month on the expectation that the Manager will make good the balance and the teachers will paid at the rate of Rs. 20 per month. But it has been brought to the notice of the Government in the case of aided school teachers that they are not getting dearness allowance at the rate of Rs. 20; in fact the managers are most of them unable to make that payment and those who are able are not makin; that pavment so that teachers in aided schools really are getting only dearness allowance at the rate of Rs. 10 per month. There were only 2 alternatives before the Government either to coax the managers by some coercive process for which legislation may be necessary to pay the full dearness allowances to the teachers or Government themselves shoulder the responsibility of giving them the full grant and see that full dearness allowance is paid to the teachers. On that matter the advice this house repeatedly tendered to the Government was that it will be much better if Government enchance the grant of Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 per month. Government anxiously considered the resolution placed before them by this House and came to the conclusion that although the financial commitment is heavy the requirement of the situation do require the Government to make this commitment and pay the dearness allowance at the rate of Rs. 20 per month to every teacher in aided primary schools. Now Sir, the amount at the rate of Rs. 10 per month in the budget estimate passed by this House in Karkidagam last came to Rs. 3,53,875 for the State excluding Cranganur and since we propose to double the grant another amount to the same extent is required. I hope that this House will be pleased to grant this additional amount also towards this purpose.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can anybody speak, Sir, in supporting that the grant is required.

Mr. President: The matter is open to discussion.

*Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I am extremely glad that the Hon'ble Minister in charge of education has in the shortest period possible at his command applied his mind to this most pressing request made by this House from time to time which on those occasions it was the unfortunate lot of the miserable teachers of our Primary aided schools, miserable in the sense that they were actually living in misery. It is extremely glad to note Sir, that the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Education was able to achieve the thing in the shortest possible time. All glory to him, Sir, and when I say that I also echo the sentiments of the House nobody will rebut the statement and we are glad also to see that the beneficial effects of the change of Government—the change in Government in the way of Administration is carried on—which was made possible by the benevolent Statesmanship, by the farsightedness of our Maharaja. I also wish to give expression to that feeling of gratitude to the throne and to the expeditious execution by the Hon'ble Minister. Just now it will not be out of place for me, Sir, to place before the Hon'ble Minister for Education as also my other Hon'ble Ministers with regard to the Departments concerned my sincere gratitude.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member is not in order in making a statement on the General Administration and he must confine himself to the specific subject to which the demand relates.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Thank you Sir, for the check. (Laughter) Now Sir, with reference to specifically to the Hon'ble Member in charge of Education who it is gratifying to note is in charge of various other matters.....

Mr. President: I must ask the Hon'ble Member to confine only to this subject.

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Yes Sir, I was describing only the various portfolios.

Mr. President: That is not in order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Yes Sir, specifically with reference to the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Education I wish to emphasise other grievances.....

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is not in order in refering to other subjects.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Now Sir, referring to the dearness allowance the matter which alone is the subject matter of the discussion I wish to say Sir, that the dearness allowance or at least I have not able to catch the Minister for Education whether the dearness allowance in full percentage which has so graciously allowed by the Government and through his expeditiousness whether it will have retrospective effect, a point I would like to have light come from the other side. Because Sir, from the very day on which the dearness allowance to the tune of 50 per cent of what has been given to the other servants of our Government had been sanctioned and as far as the poor unhappy teachers are concerned we have been addressing the House session after session that they have to be given not 50 per cent but even cent per cent. They are not getting 50 per cent. Looking at the noble magnanimous and cultural work the teachers are carrying on they are entitled to more. Even the cry of this House persistently made the Government of those days has not been pleased to grant it. Because of the change to this extent things have gone and therefore Sir, my present prayer is that the Hon'ble Minister if he is not already decided to give retrospective effect to the dearness allowance.....

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* It is there in the note.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I was not in the seat Sir, when the notes were circulated. Now I am oblized to the Hon'ble Minister Mr. Dewer. *(Laughter)* Do not think, Sir, that it is a slip. I deliberately stated the Hon'ble Minister although it was a mistatement because in him I find a person competent to be the Minister of our State *(Laughter)* and who is sure to be the Minister ere long. But I am obliged to my Hon'ble friend Mr. Dewer to the kind information that he has supplied, I am sorry I have taken up a few minutes of the time of this House. I thank the Government once again for the good thing that they have done.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Sir, I am extremely grateful to the Hon'ble Member from Vadakkancheri for the appreciation which he gave expression to for the very liberal gesture made by the Government towards the aided School teachers in the State. The proposal of the Government as was pointed out by Mr. Dewer is to give this enhanced grant from 1st Chingam 1122, because the figure itself show that I have made reference to that because in the last budget we have provided for Rs. 10 per month and since then it is proposed to be doubled. The proposal is that they will get the increased allowance from 1st Chingam 1122.

Demand, put and carried

(ii) Rs. 7,738—under "15 Education—Contribution to Dearness Allowance—Primary boys (Cranganur)"

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I rise to move a sum of Rs. 7,788 under "15 Education—Contribution to Dearness Allowance—Primary boys—(Cranganur)" for the same purpose under the same head relating to Cranganur. I pray the House will be pleased to grant this additional amount.

Demand, put and carried

(iii) Rs. 3,255—19-Sanitation and Conservancy—Improvement to Markets and Cartstands—(Cranganur)

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,255 under "19-Sanitation and Conservancy—Improvement to Markets and Cartstands—(Cranganur)". There was a provision of Rs. 5,200 in last year's budget towards construction of the Pullut Bus stand. When the work was published for tenders a sum of Rs. 1,411 more was found necessary for completing the work and this amount has been provided in the current year's budget. Works to the value of Rs. 2,495—6—8 were only carried out last year

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